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The Demands *of his Excellency the Lord* Fairfax, *and the Generall Councell of the Army, in prosecution of the late Remonstrance to the two Houses of Parliament.*

THe incompetency of this Parliament, in its present constitution, to give an absolute and conclusive Judgment for the whole (especially to be the sole Judges of their own performance, or breach of Trust) doth make the juster way for such an Appeal, so indeed we see no other way left for remedy, in regard the present unlimited continuance of this Parliament doth exclude the orderly succession of any other more equal formal Judicature of men, to which we might hope in due time other ways to appeal.

Thus then we apprehend our selves in the present case, both necessitated to, and justified in an Appeal from this Parliament, in

the preſent conſtitution as it ſtands, unto the extraordinary Judgment of God and good people; and yet in the proſecution of this Appeal, as we ſhall drive it on, but to the ſpeedy obtaining of a more orderly & equal Judicature of men, in a juſt Repreſentative, according to our Remonſtrance (wherein to acquieſce) ſo in the preſent procuring of Juſtice with the peoples eaſe and quiet, and in the ſetling of the Kingdom upon a due, ſafe and hopefull ſucceſſion of Parliaments: It is our hearts deſire, and ſhall be our endevour, that ſo much, both of the matter and form of the preſent Parliamentary authority may be preſerved, as can be ſafe, or will be uſeful to theſe ends, until a juſt and full Conſtitution thereof, both for matter and form (ſuitable to the publique ends it ſerves for) can be introduced.

And therefore firſt, It ſhould be our great rejoycing (if *God* ſaw it good) that the majority of the preſent Houſe of Commons were become ſenſible of the evil and deſtructiveneſs of their late way, and would reſolvedly & vigorouſly apply themſelves to the ſpeedy exe-

execution of Juſtice, with the righting and eaſing of the oppreſſed people, and to a juſt and ſafe ſettlement of the Kingdom upon ſuch foundations as have been propounded by us and others for that purpoſe, & would for the ſpeedier and ſurer proſecution of theſe things, exclude from Communication in their Councels, all ſuch corrupt and apoſtatized Members as have appeared hitherto, but to obſtruct and hinder ſuch matter of Juſtice, Safety and publique Intereſt, and to pervert their Councels a contrary way, and have therein ſo ſhamefully both falſified and forfeited their Truſt.

But however, we ſhall, ſecondly, deſire, That ſo many of them as God hath kept upright, and ſhall touch with a juſt ſenſe of thoſe things, would by Proteſtation, or otherwiſe acquit themſelves from ſuch breach of Truſt, and approve their faithfulneſs, by withdrawing from thoſe that perſiſt in the guilt thereof, and would apply themſelves to ſuch a poſture, whereby they may ſpeedily and effectually proſecute thoſe neceſſary and publique ends, without ſuch Interruptions, Diverſions, or Depravations of their Councels

cels from the reſt, to their endleſs trouble, oppreſſion, and hazard of the Kingdom as formerly, and for ſo many of them, whoſe hearts God ſhall ſtir up thus to do; we ſhall therein, in this caſe of extremity, look upon them as perſons having materially the chief Truſt of the Kingdom remaining in them, and though not a formal ſtanding power to be continued in them, or drawn into ordinary Preſidents; yet the beſt and moſt rightfull that can be had, as the preſent ſtate and exigence of Affairs now ſtand; And we ſhall accordingly own them, adhere to them, and be guided by them in their faithfull proſecution of that Truſt, in order unto, and until the introducing of a more full and formall power in a juſt Repreſentative to be ſpeedily endevoured.

Now yet further to take away all jealouſies in relation to our ſelves, which might withhold or diſcourſe any honeſt Members from this courage, as we have the witneſs of God in our hearts, that in theſe proceedings we do not ſeek, but even reſolve we will not take advantages to our ſelves, either in point of Profit or Power; and that if God did open

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unto us a way, wherein with honesty and faithfulness to the publick Interest, & good people engaged for us, we might presently discharged, so as we might not in be our present Employments look on, and be accessory to, yea supporters of the Parliament, in the present corrupt, oppressive and destructive proceedings, we should with rejoycing, and without more ado, embrace such a discharge rather then interpose in these things to our own vast trouble and hazard; so if we could but obtain a rationall assurance for the effectuall prosecution of these things, we shall give any proportionable assurance on our parts, concerning our laying down of Arms, when, and as we should be required: But for the present, as the case stands, we apprehend our selves obliged in duty to God, this Kingdom, and good men therein, to improve our utmost abilities in all honest ways, for the avoyding of these great evils we have Remonstrated, and for prosecution of the good things we have propounded; and also that such persons who were the inviters of the late Invasion from *Scotland*, the instigaters and incouragers of the late Insurrections within

within this Kingdom, and (those forcible ways failing) have still pursued the same wicked Designs by treacherous and corrupt Councels, may be brought to publique Justice, according to their severall demerits. For all these ends we are now drawing up with the Army to *London*, there to follow Providence as God shall clear our way.

By the appointment of his Excellency, the Lord Fairfax, Lord Generall, and his General Councel. Signed
JOHN RUSHWORTH, Secr'.

For his Excellency the Lord Generall FAIRFAX.

My Lord,

I Find a very great sense in the affairs of the Regiments of the sufferings and the ruine of this poor Kingdom, and in them all a very great zeal to have impartiall Justice done upon Offenders; and I must confess, I do in all, from my heart, concur in them; and I verily think, and am perswaded, they are things which God put into our hearts: I shall not need to offer any thing to your Excellency, I know God teaches you, and that he hath manifested his presence so to you, as that you will give glory to him in the eyes of all the world. I held it my duty, having received these Petitions and Letters, and being desired by the Framers thereof, to present them to you; the good Lord work his will upon your heart, enabling you to do it; and the presence of Almighty God go along with you. Thus prays

My Lord,
Your most humble and faithfull servant
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